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**Program Review and Investigations Committee**

**Public Hearing**

**Thursday, March 7, 2013**

**Wallingford Town Council Chambers**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony regarding**

**HB 6517 AA Implementing the Recommendations of the Legislative Program  
Review and Investigations Committee Concerning the Insurance Department's  
Duties, Mental Health Parity Compliance Checks and the External Review  
Application Process**

**HB 6557 AA Implementing the Recommendations of the Legislative Program  
Review and Investigations Committee Concerning the Health Carrier Utilization  
Review and Grievance Process**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans has worked cooperatively with the committee's staff in the research and development of the report which gave rise to these proposals and we pledge our continued cooperation with committee members and staff as well as legislative leaders and the Administration as we all work together to address issues around mental health and substance abuse.

We do have a number of technical concerns and some reservations with respect to various elements of these two proposals that we will formulate and share as the discussions move forward. We want to assure that the proposals ultimately passed work in the manner in which they are intended and it is in that vein that we will offer continued comment and guidance.

The Association appreciates the opportunity to provide comment. Thank you for your consideration.